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October 24, 1984

Mr. Neal H. Domgaard
Uintah County Commissioner
Uintah County Building
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Dear Mr. Domgaard:

RE: Uintah County Tar Sands, DOE/047/019, Uintah County, Utah

Recent inspections by technical staff members of the Division have indicated potential problems with the Uintah County Tar Sands pit located in NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 32, Township 14 South, Range 23 East. As you are aware, a Declaration of Exemption (Form MR-4) for this operation was filed with the Division during July 1984. However, the recent inspections by Division staff have indicated the following:

1. The pit and road area were measured. The road is approximately 1,200 feet by 18-20 feet and the pit is approximately 460 feet by 200 feet. The extent of surface disturbance is apparently in excess of two acres.
2. The project has interrupted two drainages and did not have any means for sediment control. The sediment pond that had been constructed was washed out at the lower end.

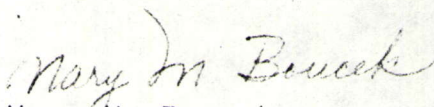
As a result, the Division is requesting that Uintah County survey the areal extent of surface disturbance associated with this operation and furnish the results of this survey to the Division within 30 days of receipt of this letter. In addition, the Division requests that blocked drainages on the site be immediately cleared and that proper sedimentation control be provided. Should the results of the areal survey indicate disturbance in excess of two acres, Uintah County will

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be required to submit a mining and reclamation plan detailing existing disturbances and methods of reclamation to the Division.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Division at your earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,


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